

# AZA AC/GC TAG

## Antelope, Cattle, Giraffid and Camelid TAG

Planned SSP Changes Potential Impact and Planning



## APM Guidance on 15 AZA Member Future Standard for SSPs

The first SSP criterion for TAGs to **strongly consider** is that “animal populations held at fewer than 15 AZA-accredited and/or certified-related facilities (hereafter referred to as ‘AZA facilities’) will no longer be SSPs.” TAGs managing SSPs that are held at fewer than 15 AZA facilities should consider downgrading these programs to “Monitor” status. If a population is currently at 13 or 14 AZA facilities at the time the RCP is being prepared, the TAG could justify why the program should remain an SSP at this time. These justifications could include demonstrating that the historic number of holders of the species has reached or exceeded 15 facilities, commitments from facilities that plan to house the species in the next three years in exhibits that are in construction or design, or other factors. For populations housed at 15 or more AZA facilities, the TAG can continue to manage these as SSP’s as long as they meet any other new criteria (like > 50% of population within AZA). The TAG does not need to manage all species that are at more than 15 facilities; however, TAGs are strongly encouraged to look at currently unmanaged species that are widely distributed in AZA facilities and help to monitor the availability from ethical, responsible, and sustainable sources. The APM Committee encourages TAGs to maintain unofficial studbooks for the programs that no longer qualify to be an SSP as they may increase to the 15 AZA facility requirement in the future.

# Likely to Qualify as SSPs Moving Forward

## 15+ Current AZA Holders (13 Species)



### Woodland Antelope Subgroup (5 species)

- Common Eland – Currently **Yellow SSP** 20 AZA
- Eastern Bongo – Currently **Yellow SSP** 36 AZA
- Greater Kudu – Currently **Yellow SSP** 26 AZA
- Lowland Nyala – Currently **Yellow SSP** 18 AZA
- Common Wildebeest – Currently **Yellow SSP** 20 AZA



### Aridland Antelope Subgroup (3 species)

- Addax – Currently **Yellow SSP** 24 AZA
- Scimitar-horned Oryx – Currently **Yellow SSP** 18 AZA
- Addra gazelle – Currently **Yellow SSP** 18 AZA

### Giraffid Subgroup (3 species)

- Generic Giraffe – Currently **Green SSP** 82 AZA
- Masai Giraffe – Currently **Yellow SSP** 34 AZA
- Okapi – Currently **Yellow SSP** 29 AZA

### Small Antelope Subgroup (1 species)

- Yellow-backed Duiker – Currently **Yellow SSP** 25 AZA

### Wild Cattle and Camelid Subgroup (1 species)

- Plains Bison – Currently **Candidate Program** 33 AZA



# On The Bubble

## 13-14 AZA Holders (3 Species)



- Lesser Kudu - Currently **Yellow SSP 14 AZA**
- Bontebok – Currently **Red SSP 14 AZA**
- Blue Duiker – Currently **Red SSP 13 AZA**



# Current SSP That Will Not Qualify as SSPs

## 12 Or Fewer AZA Holders (19 Species)



- Sable Antelope - Currently **Yellow SSP** 12 AZA
- Roan antelope - Currently **Yellow SSP** 7 AZA
- Sitatunga – Currently **Yellow SSP** 10 AZA
- Nile Lechwe - Currently **Yellow SSP** 7 AZA
- Common Waterbuck – Currently **Yellow SSP** 12 AZA
- Impala - Currently **Yellow SSP** 12 AZA
- Arabian Oryx –Currently **Yellow SSP** 7 AZA
- Gemsbok – Currently **Yellow SSP** 6 AZA
- Thomson’s Gazelle – Currently **Yellow SSP** 12 AZA
- Slender-horned Gazelle – Curently **Yellow SSP** 9 AZA
- Speke’s Gazelle – Currently **Yellow SSP** 10 AZA
- South African Springbok – Currently **Yellow SSP** 7 AZA
- Nubian Soemmerring’s Gazelle – Currently **Red SSP** 5 AZA
- Peninsular Pronghorn – Currently **Red SSP** 6 AZA
- Gerenuk – Currently **Red SSP** 9 AZA
- Klipspringer – Currently **Red SSP** 9 AZA
- Red-flanked Duiker – Currently **Red SSP** 12 AZA
- Banteng – Currently **Red SSP/GSMP** 5 AZA
- Anoa – Currently **Red SSP/GSMP** 7 AZA



# Currently and Continuing as Monitored Populations



This list will grow when SSPs get downgraded

- Giant eland
- Steenbok
- Fringe-eared oryx
- Grant's gazelle
- American pronghorn
- Blackbuck
- African savannah buffalo
- Guanaco
- Bactrian camel (Domestic)



# Antelope, Cattle, Giraffid and Camelid TAG Programs Potentially After New Rule



- 13 SSPs (+3 bubble species with 13-14 AZA Institutions?)
- 28 Monitored Species or Consortium Species



# What will the TAG do with SSPs that are downgraded?

- Currently they would fall to Monitored status.
- The TAG has been discussing this scenario.
- Each species will have to be looked at on a case by case basis.
- We would ask for studbooks to continue to be kept as unofficial studbooks.
- We would contact all holding institutions to gauge their commitment to the species moving forward and their desire to work with the TAG to continue to manage these species outside of the SSP model.
- Ungulate TAG leadership plan to develop these potential models together to share best practices and develop consistent methods and standards.

